GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR MONUMENTS AND HERITAGE BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan for the most effective and balanced utilisation of Central Sector funds on refurbishment of Monuments and Heritage Buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has formulated conservation programmes for structural repairs, chemical conservation and environmental development for centrally protected monuments, so as to ensure the most effective and balanced utilisation of the funds.

(b) & (c) The ASI has a budget of Rs.70.00 crores under the Plan and 170.30 crores under Non-Plan for its various activities connected with protection and preservation of ancient monuments.